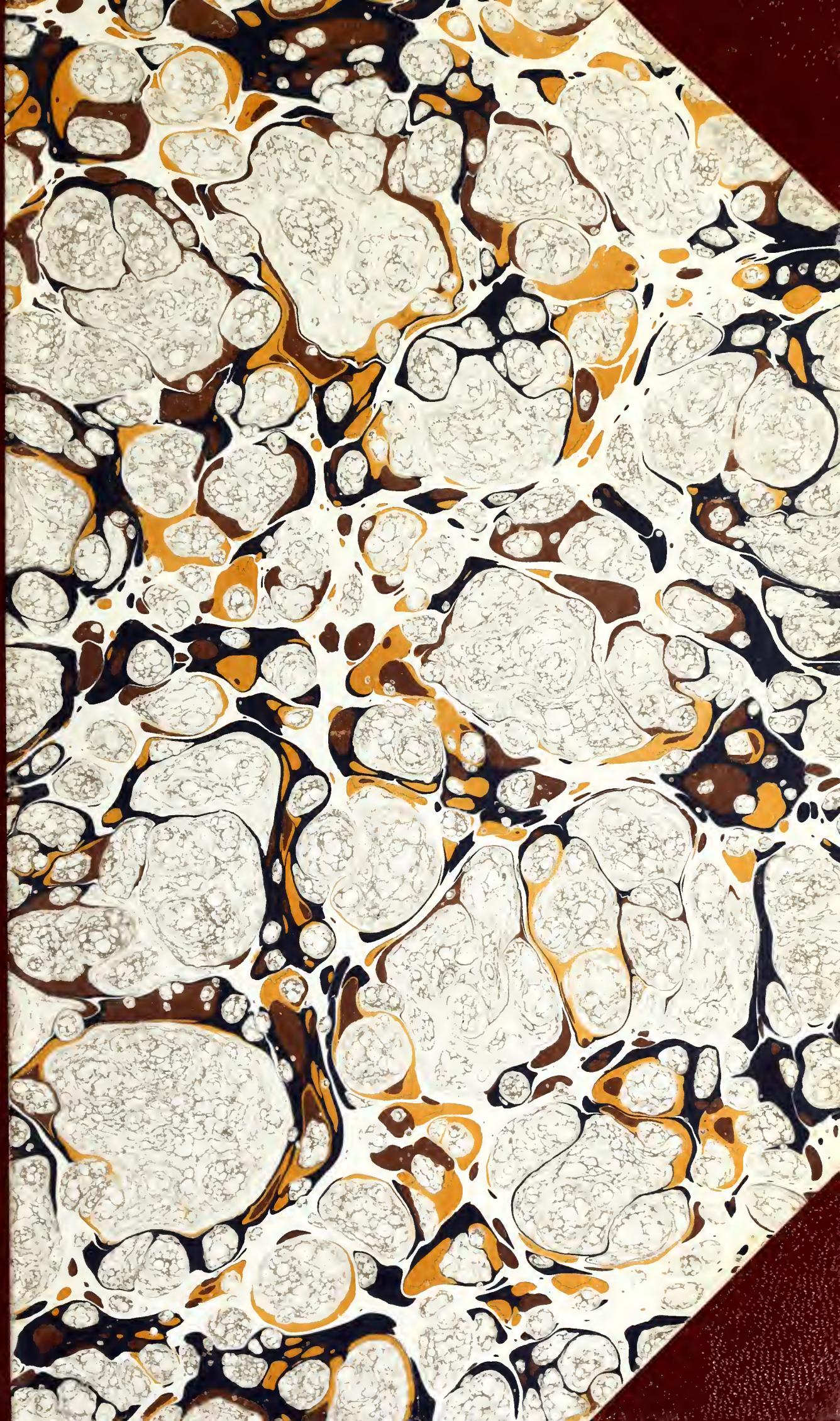

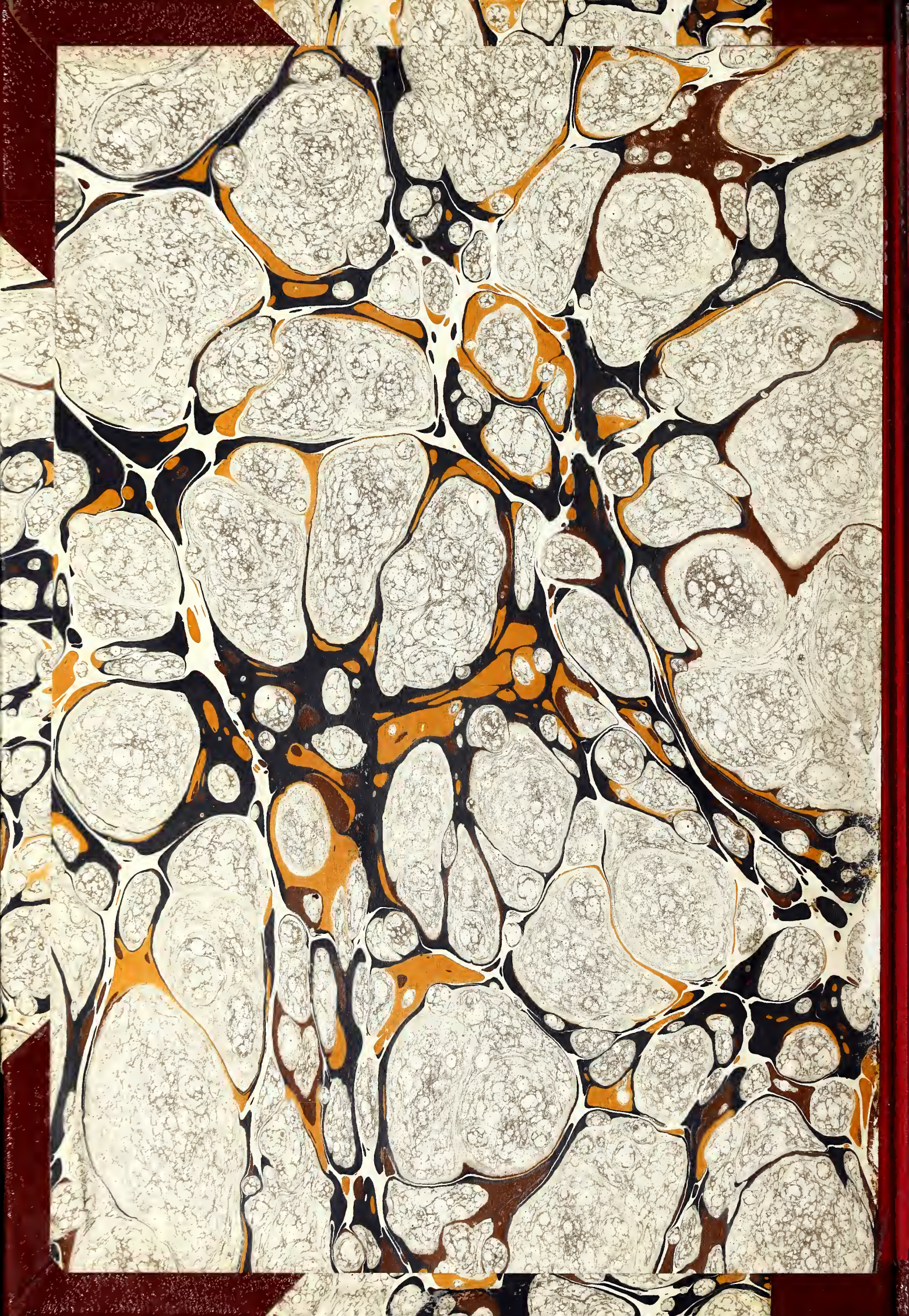

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SUMMER RESORT

AS SEEN BY ITS FRIENDS.

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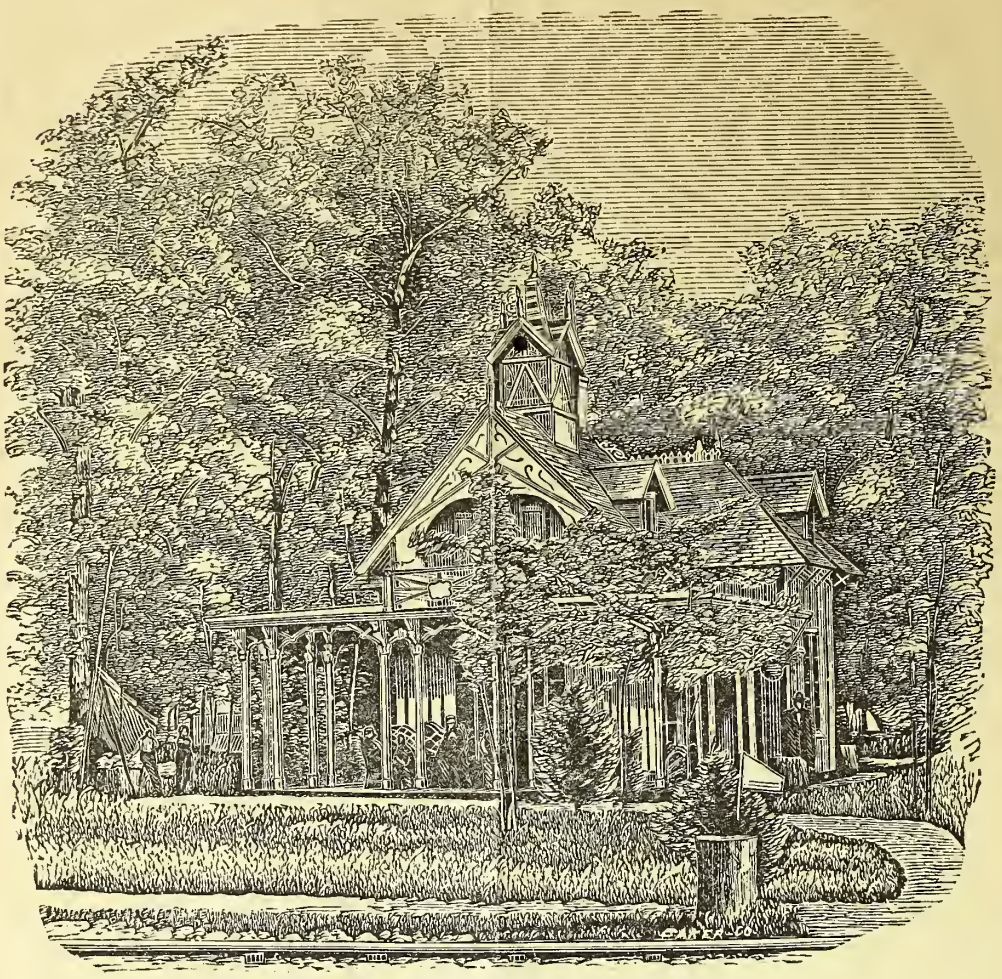

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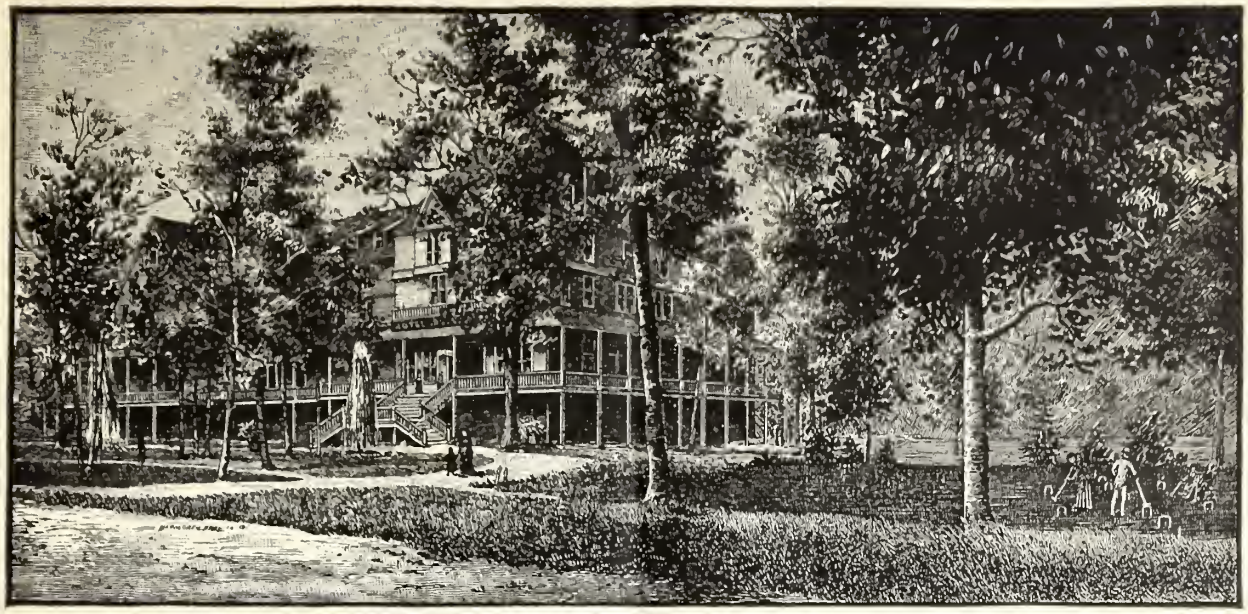

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Arrangements are being made to reopen this popular summer Hotel on or about May 1, 1887, and it will be kept open as long as may be required. Persons or families desiring to make arrangements for the season should make early application to the Committee.

Rates.

The management has decided to maintain its former low rates, to-wit: $2.00 to $3.00 per day for transients; $10.00 to $16.00 per week. Special arrangements made for families or parties remaining for the season.

Lake Bluff Hotel.—This hotel will be run as an annex to Hotel Irving. Its rooms are clean and comfortable and it affords excellent accommodations at reduced rates.

Boarding Houses.—Several boarding houses on the grounds will furnish board and lodging at $5.00 to $7.00 per week.

LAKE BLUFF

TEMPERANCE CONVOCATION.

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The greatest Rendezvous of Temperance People in the United States.

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Commences July 6th, Closes July 18th.

Comprising the great leaders of all branches of the temperance movement in the United States, notably the W. C. T. U., the Prohibitionists, Good Templars, etc., etc.; also the masses that make up these societies. We propose to make this the grandest temperance convocation ever held in this country or Europe.

THE NATIONAL W. C. T. U. TRAINING SCHOOL,

under the direction of MISS MARY ALLEN WEST, will be one of the great features of the convocation.

Also the Free Parliament discussions open to all temperance workers.

LAKE BLUFF SUMMER ASSEMBLY.

July 28th to August 9th, 1887.

The Assembly last year was the most satisfactory and successful one yet held. Arrangements are being made to insure a steady and healthful growth. This coming season will doubtless be one of greater attractions and profit than ever. It is most gratifying to announce that **Rev. Dr. John H. Vincent** will be present three days. **Aug. 5th,** he will make a special Sunday school day. **Aug. 6th,** he will devote to the interests of **C. L. S. C. Circles. Sunday, Aug. 7th,** he will preach, and also conduct an **Oxford League Meeting.** His visit last year was a grand success and he intends making more of the opportunity than hitherto.

Other Departments of the Assembly will receive more care than ever; to add to their effectiveness,

Teachers and **Lecturers** of **note** and ability will be engaged.

T. P. MARSH, Supt.,
South Evanston, Ill.

Kindergarten.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Fowler, under whose care and patronage the Kindergartens of Chicago are successfully carried forward and who had charge of the same department at Lake Bluff during the past seasons, have been appointed the committee in charge for the season of 1887.

Musical.

The services of Lyon's Orchestra, Chicago, consisting of twenty pieces, has been secured for the season.

A series of Vocal and Instrumental Saturday evening concerts will be held in the Grand Tabernacle, and the orchestra will be present at the Sunday services, assisted by prominent vocal talent, under the direction of Mr. H. A. Lyon, *Chairman Committee.*

Instruction.

Arrangements are being made with competent teachers of Vocal and Instrumental music to aid those who desire to continue their studies during the summer. For particulars, address

Prof. JAMES GILL, Chicago,
Teacher of Music in the Northwestern University.

POINT LOOKOUT, LAKE BLUFF, ILL.

(FROM A PHOTOGRAPH.)

Stables.—A commodious and well conducted boarding and livery stable will be run in connection with Hotel Irving. Board at $4.00 per week.

Laundry.—A first-class laundry at city prices for the accommodation of boarders and cottagers.

Telegraph.—The Western Union Telegraph Company have an open office at the Lake Bluff depot.

Telephone.—A public telephone has been placed in Hotel Irving connecting with Chicago offices and other places.

Markets.—A first-class grocery and meat market is kept constantly supplied with all articles necessary for families.

Fresh Milk.—The Hotel Irving makes a special feature of furnishing the best quality of milk for its guests and for sale. This milk comes from the Home dairy, near at hand.

Water.—Lake Bluff abounds in mineral springs and pure water. The artesian well, which furnishes the grounds with a bountiful supply of water, has also mineral qualities very healthful and invigorating.

Bathing.—One of the most attractive features of the Bluff is the bathing. The sandy beach, with its gentle slope for several hundred feet into Lake Michigan, affords excellent and safe bathing. Thousands enjoyed this refreshing luxury last season, and it is growing more popular every year.

Boating.—Lake Michigan !! Is that not enough!!!

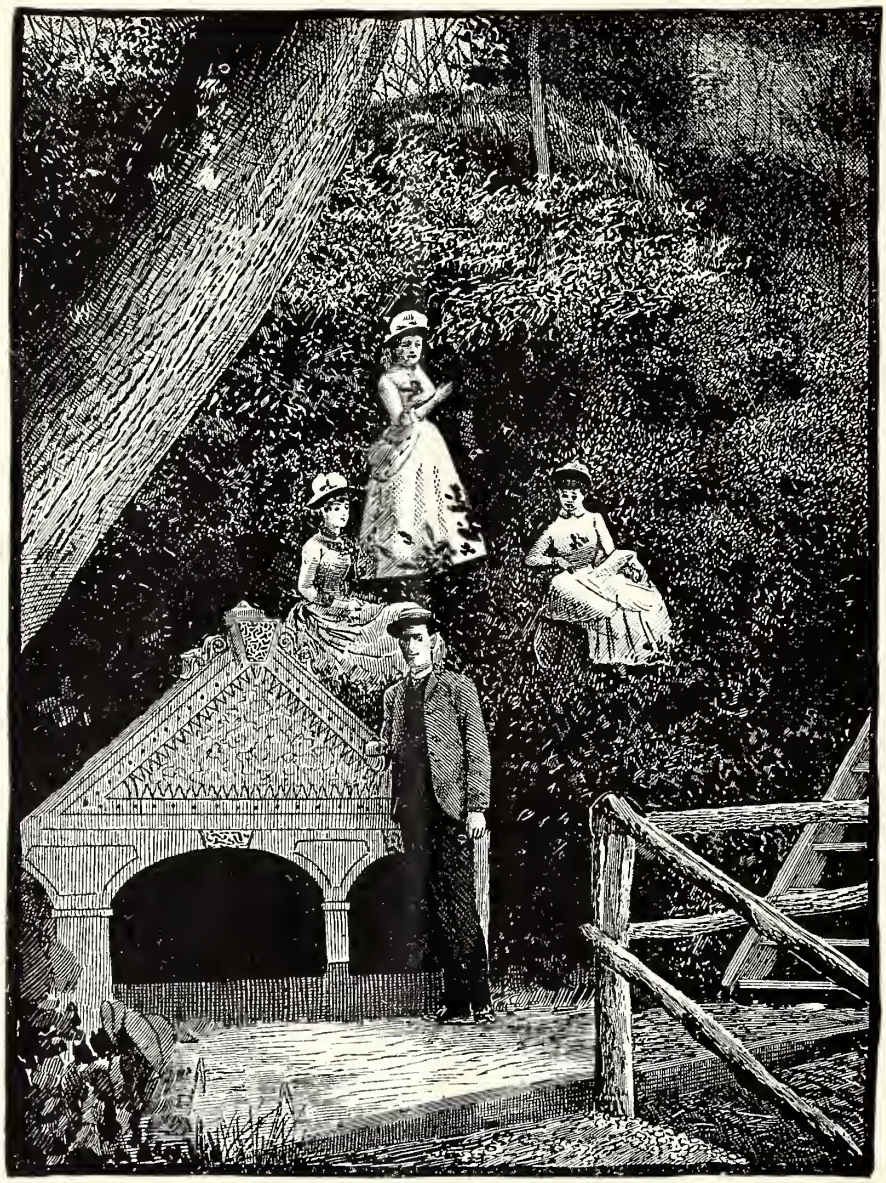
Fishing.—What Lake Michigan lacks in variety it makes up in quantity. Millions of perch can be caught off the shore of the Bluff.

Drives.—Excellent gravel roads, through grove and farm, extending all over Lake County and as much further as may be desired.

Railroads.—Numerous daily trains run to and from Chicago and Lake Bluff via the Chicago & Northwestern R. R. It is only one hour's ride by fast train. The frequency of these trains enables Chicago business men to attend to their duties in the city during the day and be with their families at the Bluff at night.

Reduced Rates from July 1st. to Sept. 1st. Round Trip, $1.20.

Regular Rates—Chicago to Lake Bluff and return, $1.80. Monthly tickets good for the month, $8.75. 25 rides good for 6 months, $7.50



SOLOMON'S POOL, LAKE BLUFF, ILL.

(FROM A PHOTOGRAPH.)

READ WHAT THE PEOPLE SAY

ABOUT LAKE BLUFF.

Mary Weeks Burnett, M. D., Chicago, Ill.

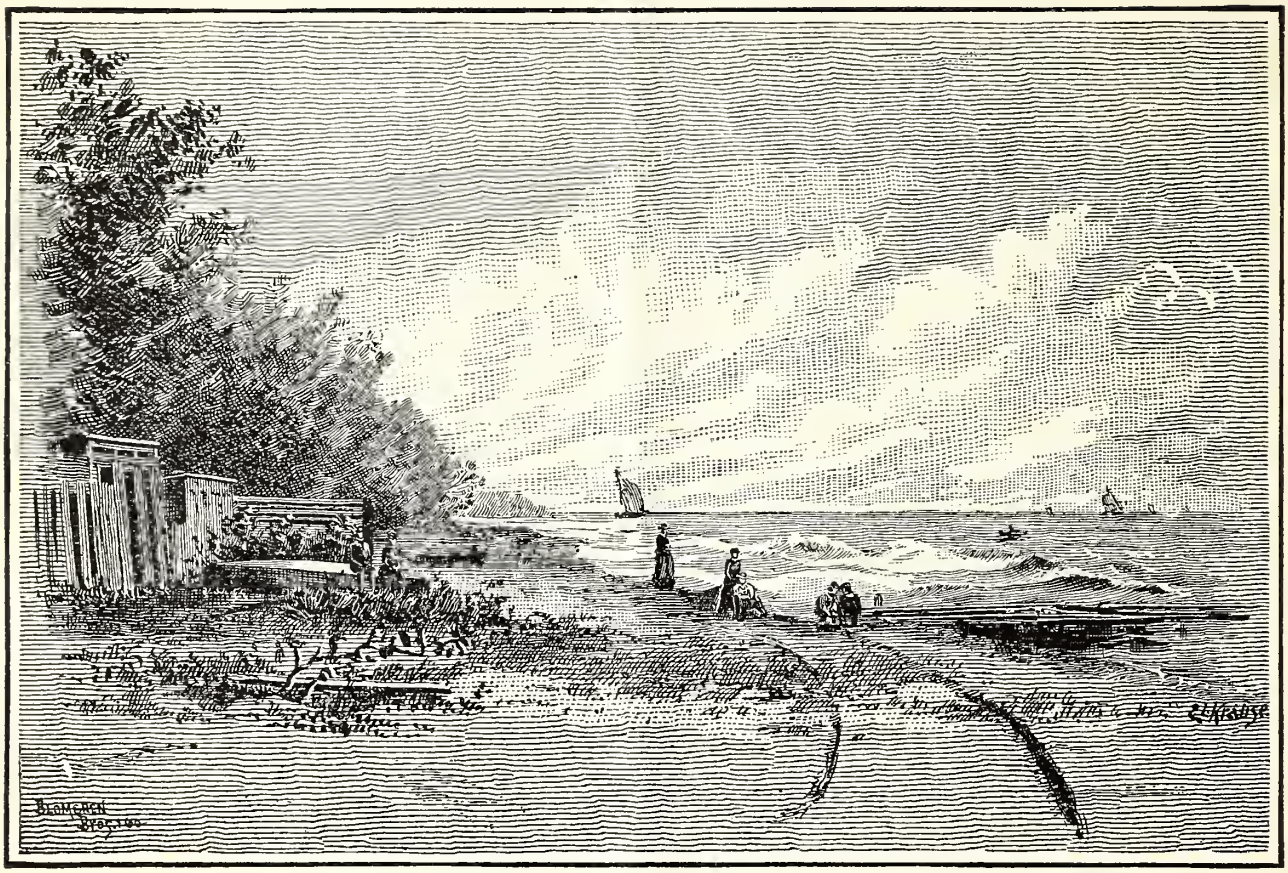
The climate of the Northern, Western, and Middle States during the winter months is peculiarly exhausting in its effect upon intellectual people. The extreme cold, the sudden and frequent changes of weather, the electrical conditions, all require a great expenditure of vitality in resisting them. For this reason a resting place for the summer, where the greatest economy of the psychical forces can be secured, is of first importance. The locality which offers the purest air, the most thorough quiet, the greatest freedom from conventionality, the most varied opportunities for recreation for all, the place which by nature and art secures for the tired nerve centers the most recreative restfulness, should be selected in which to spend the months of July and August. I know of no summer resort where that especial need of intellectual and philanthropic people—the conservation of vital force—can be so fully provided for as at Lake Bluff. The air is so delightfully pure and fragrant. The breezes of Lake Michigan are full of life-force, and abounding in healthful effects. The hotel, under the oversight of the genial and scholarly President of the Lake Bluff Association, Mr. J. B. Hobbs, provides generously for all the physical needs of its guests. Literary food of the highest order is also furnished, the platform of the Association being open to all professions, creeds, and reforms. For those who desire complete rest, there is bathing, rowing, croquet, lawn-tennis, together with drives, horse-back riding, and hammocks in shady retreats. Solitariness or congenial companionship is equally attainable. In truth, all needs of mind and body can be fully satisfied at Lake Bluff.

Rev. Samuel Fallows, D.D., St. Paul's Church Rectory, Chicago, Ill.

The success which has attended the efforts of the management of Lake Bluff Hotel and Improvement Company, must be very gratifying to all the parties concerned in its progress. Lake Bluff grows more and more attractive as year succeeds year. In many particulars it is unrivaled as a place for annual resort. The year 1887 will, without doubt, surpass all the preceding years in its development and features of interest.

Rev. Dr. W. F. King, Cornell College, Mt. Vernon, Iowa.

I am glad to say that my annual visits to Lake Bluff have been very pleasant and refreshing, physically, socially and intellectually. I know of no more charming and healthful summer resort in the Northwest. The location is by nature exceedingly beautiful and picturesque, and it



VIEW ON THE SHORE OF LAKE MICHIGAN, LAKE BLUFF, ILL.

(FROM A PHOTOGRAPH.)

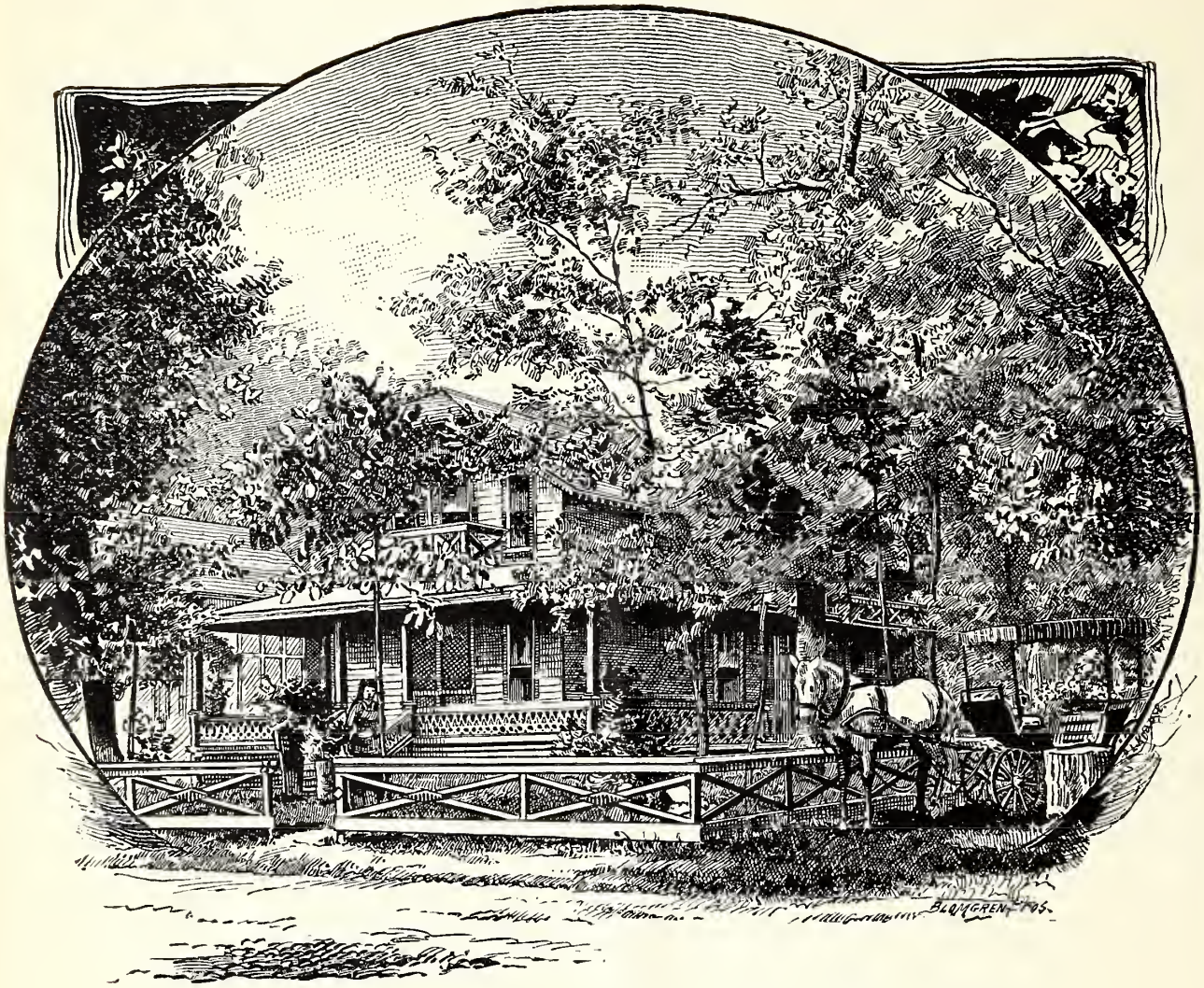
is becoming highly improved by art: and it is easily accessible not only from Chicago, but from all parts of the Northwest. The moral, religious and literary character of the entertainments is all that need be asked. It is hard to say who are the most to be envied, those who have the restful retirement of cosy cottages nestled in clumps of trees, or overlooking picturesque ravine or gleaming lake; or those who have the privilege of the attractive rooms, table and society of Hotel Irving. Indeed, all parts of Lake Bluff are pleasant and attractive, and it has been my regret each year that I have not had leisure for more time there. The type of the place is such that one can have about whatever he desires, either in the way of retirement and rest, or pleasant society and stimulative literary and religious entertainment and instruction. From the intrinsic and numerous attractions of Lake Bluff, from the high religious and social standing of the managers of this lovely place and the pleasant people who gather there from year to year, I confidently believe this is soon to become the most popular as well as the most desirable resort in the West.

Rev. John M. Caldwell, Pastor Oakland M. E. Church, Chicago, Ill.

Lake Bluff is the most attractive summer resort, and especially for busy city people, to be found in Illinois, and I know of none more delightful in all the West. Its hotel accommodations are unexcelled.

Mary Allen West, Editor Union Signal.

Every season since Lake Bluff became a summer resort I have been there. I fell in love with the place the first time I saw it, and each year increases my attachment to it. Better than any other place I know, it combines restfulness with facilities for pleasure and work. Two minutes' walk from the Tabernacle, through "forests primeval" brings you to the best outlook over Lake Michigan from the summit of its highest bluff. Before you is immensity, for the waters of the Lake stretch away till they blend with the mists of the horizon, and Europe or Cathay may be beyond for all that you can see. The silence is unbroken, for scarcely a sound can reach you from the beach far below. The passing vessels seem far out at sea, and do not disturb the solitude, while they take from it all sense of loneliness. When tired out with work in the Convocation I have often run away to this spot, thrown myself prone upon the ground and rested absolutely, as I could nowhere else. Work, pleasant work and plenty of it, is always ready in connection with the meetings at Lake Bluff. It draws together the best thinkers on the Continent, and the very attrition of thought puts all our faculties into working order. For recreation there are delightful drives, boating, fishing, botanizing, and the like, to say nothing of the chief source of pleasure—the companionship of the brightest, best people in the country, who are as good at fun-making as they are at hard work. The center of attraction at Lake Bluff is Hotel Irving, for without it all the other attractions could not be half enjoyed. It is that "*rara avis*," a really home-like hotel. Twelve years of almost constant travel have not shown me any house which in this particular can equal Hotel Irving. Here is dainty neatness, perfect service, well cooked food, quiet rooms when you wish to be alone, and broad verandas filled with pleasant people when you wish to be with company; fresh breezes from the lake to cool the fervor of noon, and cheerful wood fires in open fire-places to take off the



REV. DR. PARKHURST'S COTTAGE, LAKE BLUFF, ILL.

(FROM A PHOTOGRAPH.)

chill of morning and evening hours. The simple fact that fires are needed every week speaks volumes for Lake Bluff as a summer resort. And back of all, best of all, is the feeling that "mine host" has a personal interest in the comfort of every one of his guests; this feeling preeminently pervades Hotel Irving. We do not realize that we are in a hotel, but feel like honored guests in the home of loving friends. If you do not believe all the good things I say of Lake Bluff come yourself next summer and you will be convinced.

Hon. Andrew Shuman, Chicago Evening Journal.

I spent several days and nights at the Hotel Irving during the past summer and autumn for rest and recreation, and received not only that which I went for, but much more—a delightful home-life and choice companionship. I know of no summer resort in Chicago's vicinage that, all things considered, is so pleasant and beautiful as Lake Bluff. Its mineral waters, its shady woods, its deep and romantic ravines, its magnificent outlook on Lake Michigan, its walks and its drives, and its choice society of good people, combine to make it preferable to any resting-place and abiding place for the summer that I know of in this region.

Gen. Clinton B. Fisk, Seabright, New Jersey.

Lake Bluff, Illinois, is one of the most delightful resorts in America. It is a marvel to me that there are not at least 100,000 people making that most charming spot on Lake Michigan their summer home. During my sojourn at Lake Bluff my home was at the Hotel Irving where the management was so superb I could but wish that my stay might be lengthened.

Rev. Chas. A. Blanchard, President Wheaton College, Wheaton, Ill.

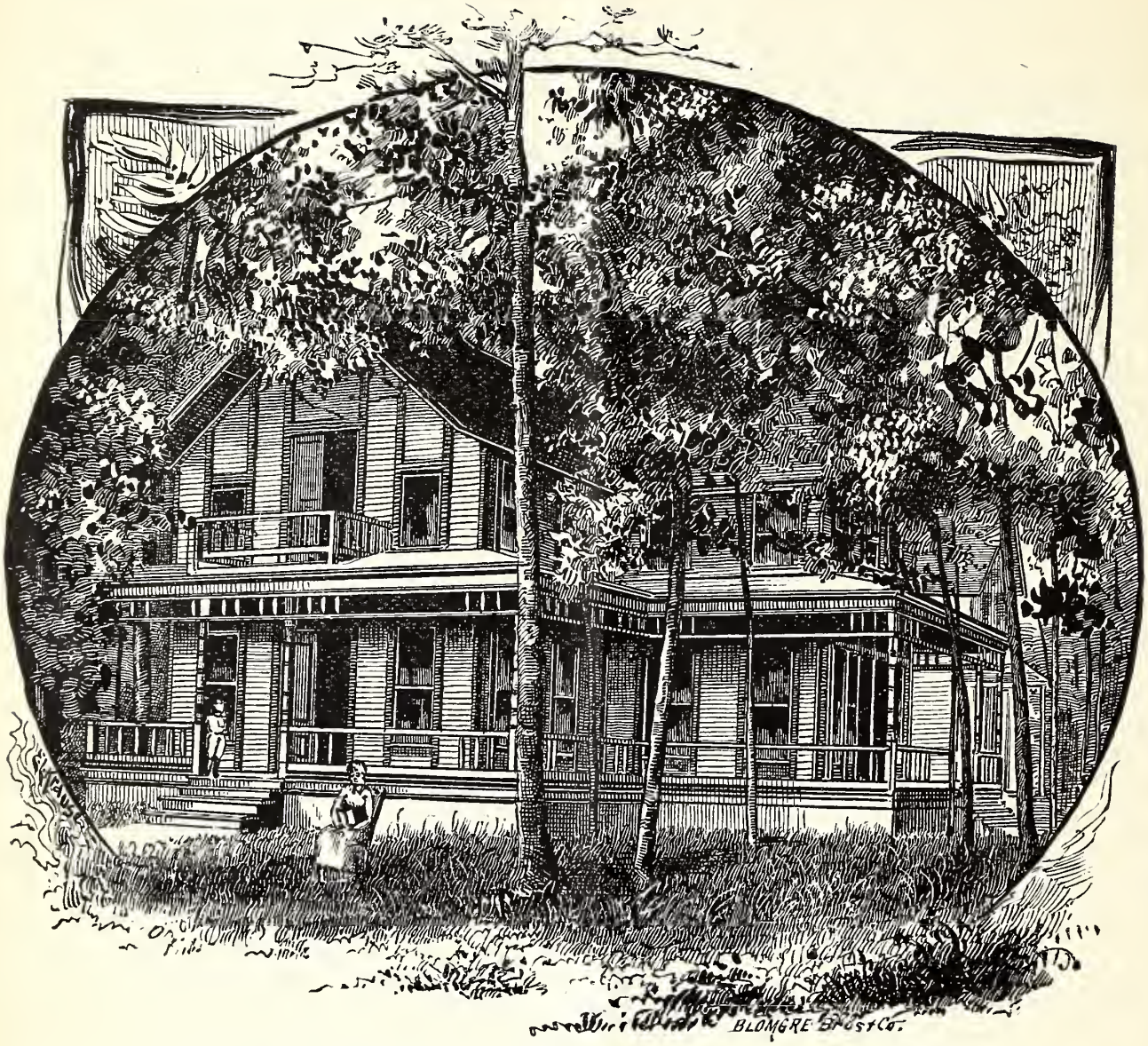
I have spent two Sabbaths at Lake Bluff and enjoyed them heartily. While I was there the Sabbath quiet and rest were very grateful. There was no desecration of the day within or without so far as my observation extended, and the beauty of the scenery, the excellence of the management of Hotel Irving, and the society of Christian people combined to make the season both pleasant and profitable. So long as it continues on the line at that time followed, I can heartily commend it to all desiring to gain rest and strength in the vicinity of our great Western metropolis.

J. H. Raymond, of Raymond & Rainey, Chicago, Ill.

Having tried it with my family for a part of this last summer, I am glad, in reply to your note, to certify that Lake Bluff is a beautiful, healthy resort, and that its Hotel Irving keeps full pace with its patrons' requirements for comfort and quiet amusements.

Prof. D. Heagle, Princeton, Ill.

I certainly take pleasure in saying that during three seasons I have spent some time at Lake Bluff, particularly in connection with Sunday-school assemblies held there. I have always enjoyed these occasions and have found the accommodations all that could be desired. Lake Bluff



REV. DR. SPENCER'S COTTAGE, LAKE BLUFF, ILL.

(FROM A PHOTOGRAPH.)

ought to be a larger and greater Chautauqua of the West, for the grounds are larger and quite as varied in aspect, the lake by the side of them is surely very interesting, and the improvements, some of them at least, are gotten up on a better plan. I recommend to anybody who wishes to enjoy a summer vacation to go and spend some time at Lake Bluff.

Prof. Walter C. Lyman, Chicago, Ill.

I wish to express my thanks to you and also to the ever genial and happy Mr. Lasher, for the capital manner in which you have always entertained myself, family, and accompanying friends on the several occasions of our visits to Lake Bluff and the Hotel Irving. I wish you continued and increasing prosperity in your laudable efforts to provide for city folk a delightful and healthful resort from the heat and turmoil of city life during the summer months.

Prof. A. A. Hopkins, New York.

The brief visits I have made to Lake Bluff have revealed its quiet charm, and brought me pleasant memories. Perhaps it is the association of its hotel name, Hotel Irving, with a favorite author's favorite sketch that makes me think of Lake Bluff as an inviting "Sleepy Hollow" in which every summer I should like to dream some days away. But how could one dream in ear-shot of that platform where so many strong voices ring out mighty truths! The Bluff is a paradox of rest and activity, of slumbrous surf music and wide-awake mental contact. Its groves are a benediction.

From Mary A. DeCamp, St. Louis.

I really think Lake Bluff is a nice place for little folks like me. This is the judgment of a little girl only eight years old. Mr. Lasher is awfully nice to little folks like me at the Hotel Irving. Good-bye.

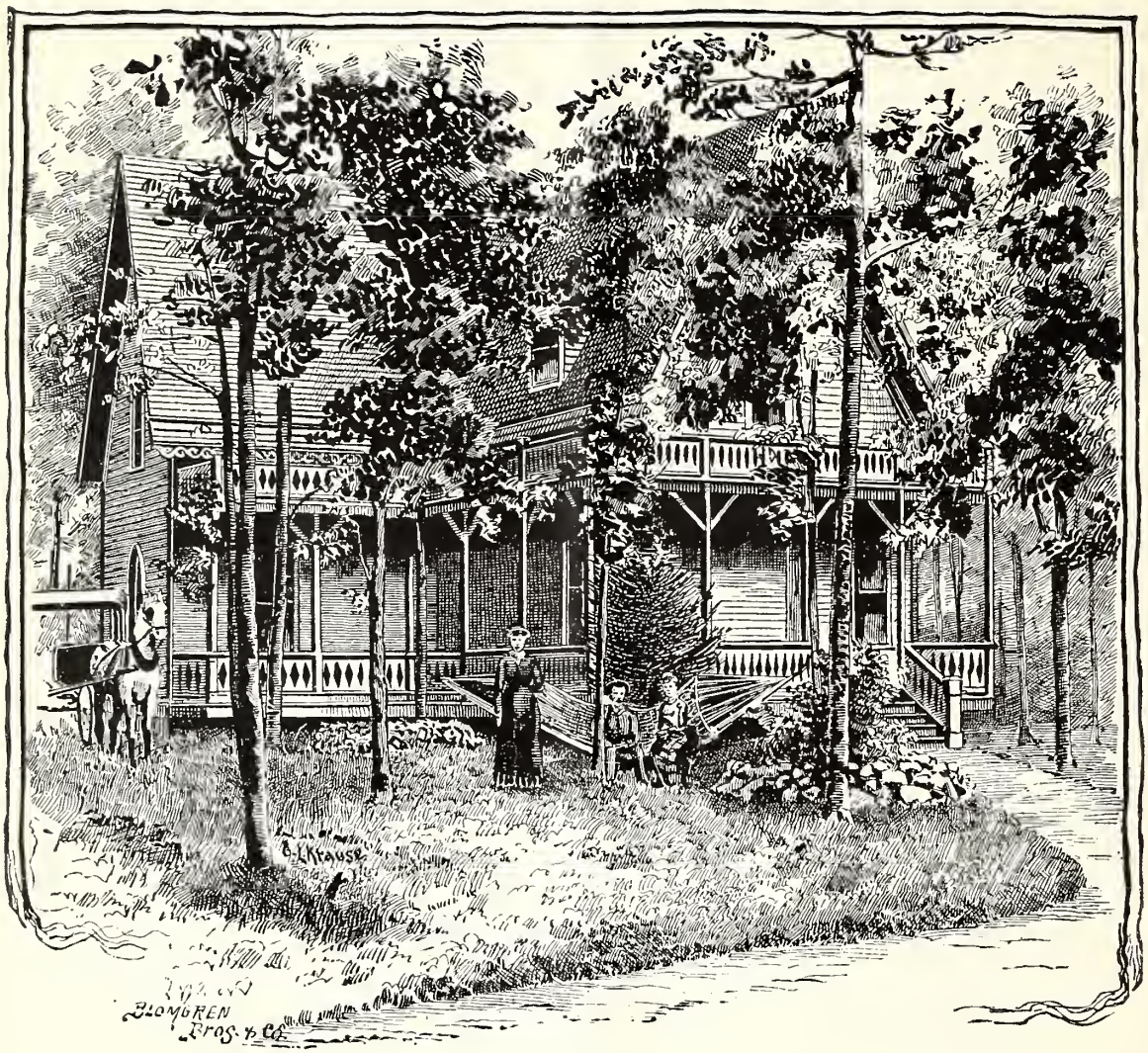
From Rev. W. V. Tudor, D. D., St. Louis, Mo.

I have most pleasant recollections of my visit at Lake Bluff. It should be, as it is, a popular resort. It combines forest, lake and bluff in perfection; a dense grove, a high bluff, a wide, sea-like lake. I regretted that my stay at Lake Bluff had to be so brief. I was comfortable in the Hotel Irving, and well fed, and promptly waited on at the table. Then the after-dinner walks, through the grove and by the lake, were most delightful.

The camp-meeting realized perfectly the worship in "God's first temple," the groves. The architecture of the cottages shows that Lake Bluff is a place to stay for the summer.

From J. W. Richards, D.D., Springfield, Ohio.

I was greatly delighted with my brief visit to Lake Bluff last August, and, although not a Methodist, I hope to be a guest at "Hotel Irving" next summer. As a place for rest, recreation and social enjoyment I consider Lake Bluff equal to the best. Nature and art have combined to render the place unusually attractive to those who would escape the confusion and great heat of cities during the summer months. Here



OAK LAWN COTTAGE, LAKE BLUFF, ILL.

(FROM A PHOTOGRAPH.)

with cool shade, good water, and refreshing breezes from the lake, with frequent lectures, addresses and sermons, the visitor, and especially the Christian visitor, will find such a physical, intellectual and moral environment as cannot fail to benefit his body, soul and spirit.

From Rev. Dr. H. B. Ridgaway, Garrett Biblical Institute, Evanston, Ill.

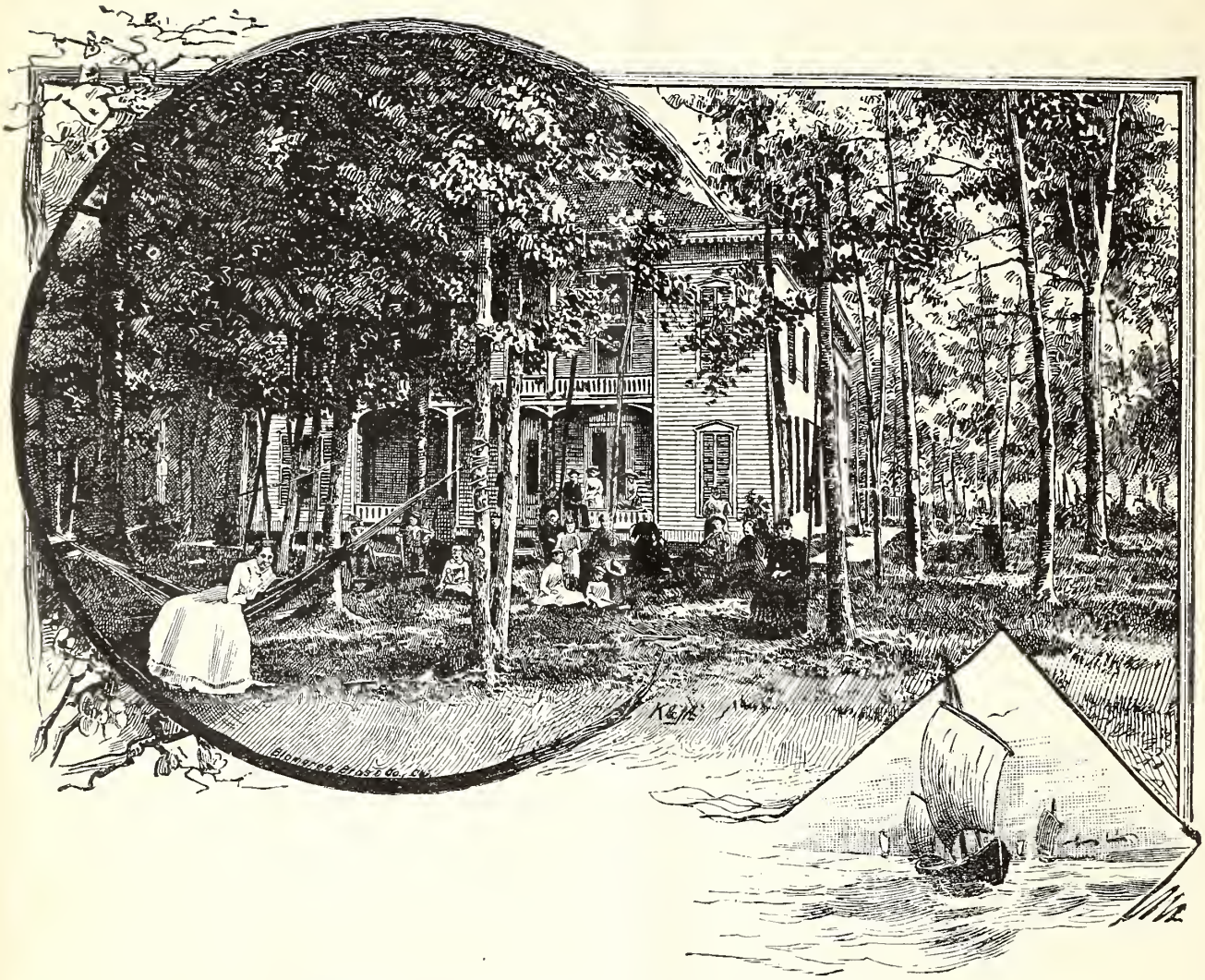
It has not been my good fortune to remain long at any one time at Lake Bluff, but I have been impressed when visiting there with the advantages of the spot. The dense forest trees, the bold bluffs looking out upon the lake, render it especially attractive. With the increased improvements which you are putting upon it from season to season, it must become a charming resort for persons living in Chicago, and especially for those residing in the interior of the State and wishing to enjoy the lake breezes. To the natural and artificial attraction must be added the high intellectual, and moral, and religious atmosphere which is maintained by the authorities and those visiting and remaining at the place. Those who cannot or choose not to erect cottages—the real thing to do—can avail themselves of Hotel Irving, which, if I may judge from my visits last season, is a model family hotel. The food and service were all that the most refined persons could ask, while the house wore the aspect of neatness and comfort. A capital summer home for any family.

From Rev. H. G. Jackson, D.D., Pastor Centenary M. E. Church, Chicago.

It affords me great pleasure to say a word of commendation of Lake Bluff as a most delightful place in which to spend that part of the summer when the chief problem of life is, how to keep cool. If the refreshing breezes from Lake Michigan, that blow almost constantly there, do not solve that problem, it may at once be concluded that it can find no solution in this latitude. In this respect a more desirable summer resort cannot well be imagined. But Lake Bluff is rich in other attractions also. There is a luxuriant stretch of forest shade, with trees of many varieties and sizes growing as nature has planted them; ravines "deep and dark," from whose precipitous sides gush springs of health-giving mineral waters; and more than all else the ever-changing view of the great lake extending far away till the blue waters blend with the sky. Nature has done much for Lake Bluff, and art has prudently refrained from spoiling nature's work. Only such improvements as are necessary for comfort and convenience have been made. There are numerous cottages scattered among the trees, a commodious tabernacle for lectures, concerts, religious meetings, and other assemblies; and a first-class hotel, with ample accommodations, under admirable supervision and management, where all that is desirable in the way of entertainment can be had. I should not fail to mention the fact that intoxicating liquors being totally prohibited at Lake Bluff, it is entirely free from the disgraceful scenes of riot and disorder that are unfortunately so frequent at many summer resorts and watering places.

From R. Green, Kankakee, Ill.

The natural advantages of Lake Bluff as a summer resort are in every respect excellent. Shaded with magnificent forest trees, yet having beautiful lawns for tennis and croquet. Situated on the western



GRACE COTTAGE, LAKE BLUFF, ILL.

(FROM A PHOTOGRAPH.)

shore of Lake Michigan, elevated eighty feet above the water's edge, it is very pleasant on a summer afternoon to sit sheltered from the fierce rays of the sun, while enjoying the refreshing breezes coming from the inland sea which spreads before your admiring gaze; while passing steamers and sailing vessels add to the beauty of the scene. And what shall we say of the intellectual and religious advantages it affords? Lectures and sermons are given on science, temperance and religion without stint, so that you may not only "rest and be thankful," but learn to be wiser and better. And last, but not least, for a moderate compensation at the Hotel Irving three times a day the tables of the dining-room are amply supplied with choice solids which strengthen, and pleasant beverages which "cheer but not inebriate," and thus by the time you reach your arm-chair on the veranda, you find the desired equilibrium has been reached, and you are at peace with all the world. Who would not go to Lake Bluff?

From Rev. Thos. H. Hanna, Monmouth, Ill.

Having during two seasons enjoyed a brief stay at Lake Bluff, I am free to say I know of no summer resort that combines in such a high degree so many attractions. The grove, the lake, the Hotel Irving and the neat cottages, the respectable people one is so sure to meet and the literary and moral atmosphere of the place, together with the reasonable rates for boarding, make it an altogether desirable resort for weary bodies and tired minds and souls that need a healthful tonic.

From D. S. Smith, M. D., Chicago, Ill.

A frequent visitor at Lake Bluff and a guest at its hospitable hotel, I have only words of praise for both. Accessibility, convenience and healthfulness unite to make the Bluff a most delightful summer retreat. The charms of nature are supplemented by pleasing entertainments in the realms of art and science and by the graver joys of religion. The hotel furnishes good comfortable rooms, and its cuisine will compare favorably with that of other summer resort. The host is all that could be desired to make one's stay agreeable. In short, to sum up all, Lake Bluff is a satisfactory, profitable and pleasant place to recuperate the physical and mental powers.

From Rev. Dr. A. B. Leonard, Piqua, Ohio.

I regard Lake Bluff as one of the most delightful summer resorts it has ever been my pleasure to visit, and I have visited not a few, and Hotel Irving is one of the best managed hotels to be found at any similar resort. The grounds are delightfully located on a high bluff on Lake Michigan, and the hotel is managed with special regard for the pleasure and comfort of the guests. There is no more delightful place to spend a vacation than Lake Bluff, and no more desirable place of rest than Hotel Irving.

From Mrs. Franc E. Finch, Evanston, Ill.

As a lawyer would sum up his case before the jury, Lake Bluff is a place for comfort, convenience, recreation, pleasure, amusement and thought, and it affords large advantages for religious and social culture.

HIGH BRIDGE, LAKE BLUFF, ILL.

From Rev. Wm. Fawcett, Chicago.

Experience leads me to say that the lover of nature; the lover of high social privileges and enjoyments; the lover of quiet, and rest, and retirement from the taxing business pursuits of life; the lover of intellectual improvement and enjoyment; the lover of the spiritual and the divine, cannot find a spot in all our beautiful State where each and all of these longings of the heart can be more fully gratified than at Lake Bluff. Adding to this the provisions that are made for the physical comfort and convenience of all guests at the finely finished and furnished "Hotel Irving," and you have in Lake Bluff one of the most attractive summer resorts in the country.

From Ex-Gov. John M. Hamilton, Chicago, Ill.

I take pleasure in thus expressing my appreciation of the value of Lake Bluff as a pleasant and interesting summer resort for rest and recreation. It is beautifully situated in a native forest overlooking Lake Michigan, is a dry and healthy location which, with its handsome improvements is not only inviting to rest, but is also quite attractive to the pleasure-seeker. The Lake Bluff Hotel is one so far as my knowledge goes in my visits to that place, which perfectly accommodates its patrons in all the comforts that could possibly be expected in such a place; in fact, I consider the hotel as a model one among summer resorts.

From Rev. T. R. Strobridge, Aurora, Ill.

I have for several years enjoyed the sylvan beauties, the increasing improvements and superior accommodations of Lake Bluff. I know of no place where those desirous of rest and recreation, united with city comforts and luxuries, can be better satisfied than at this beautifully situated summer resort. Nature, money and taste have united to make the grounds attractive; and Hotel Irving, with its wide verandas, spacious halls and rooms, and pleasant sleeping apartments, under the management of courteous and capable officers, is more than one would expect, and all that can be desired.

From A. G. Lane, Cook County Supt. of Public Schools, Chicago, Ill.

I very cheerfully testify as to the desirability of Lake Bluff for a summer residence or resort. The seasons which I have spent there are still a delight. The beautiful groves, the high dry grounds, the deep ravines, the beautiful lake, the mineral springs, the magnificent drives along the lake and into the surrounding country, the commodious, airy, well managed hotel, the Christian people who assemble there year after year, the instructive lectures, the Sunday-school assemblies. and the camp-meeting, all make Lake Bluff an attractive and profitable summer home or resort.

From Frances E. Willard, Rest Cottage, Evanston, Ill.

Lake Bluff is a Mecca to the temperance pilgrim of the whole Republic. No one place on the globe has been the magnet thus to attract the magnates of the most royal reform in all the world. The spot is beloved already, and memorable. It will become historic. It leads the leaders to higher levels of thought, purpose, and achievement. Beautiful for situation, Lake Bluff, with its pristine grove and with wide stretch of gleaming blue wherein the sky is duplicated, has every natural charm. The cuisine of Hotel Irving all an epicure can claim. Long live Lake Bluff. (After nine years' trial.)

H. W. Austin, Esq., Chicago, Ill.

As a suburb of Chicago and resort for cultivated people from all parts of the country, taking into account its accessibility to our city, its high elevation, its remarkable clear and healthful air and most beautiful lake view with natural ravines and apparently every variety of stately forest trees, it has claims that cannot be excelled by any place in my knowledge. Its hotel is like a home, and one of great comfort and freedom. The management brings together only Christians, moral and intelligent people from the city and all parts of the country, and I know of no other resort where the same can be secured.

People's Health Journal, Chicago, Ill.

Thirty miles north of Chicago, where the banks of Lake Michigan reach a considerable elevation, bounded on the north and south by deep ravines, with all their natural beauty, and extending back from the lake nearly a mile, to the C. & N. W. R. R., there is a tract of natural forest somewhat improved, which, from its general elevation, is called Lake Bluff, and from its convenience to Chicago, is destined to be a popular health and summer resort. Its perfect drainage, its pure and invigorating atmosphere, its natural and artificial supply of pure water, confirm us in the belief that it will be largely patronized as soon as its many advantages are appreciated. The gravel beach and extreme shallowness of the lake for several hundred feet out from the water's edge afford excellent facilities for bathing. Two hotels and a number of cottages afford ample accommodations for the present, The presence, during the entire summer, of a number of Chicago families of the highest social and moral standing, the brilliant series of lectures and entertainments given in the spacious Tabernacle, afford all that could be desired socially. Altogether it approaches the ideal as a family summer and health resort and a good place for the tired literary man and mental overworker.

S. P. Belcher, St. Louis, Mo.

It affords me a great deal of pleasure to be able to say to you, that my experiences at Lake Bluff, last summer, were such that the visit lives as a pleasant memory; though brief, too brief in fact, the change from the scorching heat of the city to the cooling breezes of the Bluff, and the constant courtesy extended, inspire the wish to repeat the "outing" next summer.

J. N. Wheeler, Editor Patrol, Geneva, Ill.

It is both a pleasure and a duty to bear witness to the attractiveness of Lake Bluff; a pleasure to recall the pleasant hours spent in its cool shades, by its romantic and rugged ravines, and along the sounding shore of Lake Michigan; a duty to urge others to avail themselves of its unsurpassed advantages for meeting with and listening to the foremost literary and moral workers of the times. I have never been caught by the delusions of the so-called pleasure resorts whereat the pleasures left behind them are weariness and a regret; when one was eaten up with expenses or else neglected as too poor for decent treatment; and where one's hatred of the shams he saw exhausted more than his rest could recreate him. From all these drawbacks Lake Bluff is wholly free; the hotel service is perfect and the prices suited to all purses. The Christian and moral character of the whole environment is such as truly rests both soul and body, and makes one thankful for the privileges. In my opinion Lake Bluff is an ideal resting place for a day or a summer.

Hon. Samuel D. Hastings, Madison, Wis.

I know of no place in the West where a few weeks can be spent more pleasantly than at Hotel Irving at Lake Bluff. The Hotel is large and convenient; the meals excellent and well served. The management spare no effort to secure the comfort of their guests and to make all feel at home. I shall regard it as a great privation should I be unable to make my usual summer visit to Lake Bluff.

Rev. P. S. Henson, D. D., First Baptist Church, Chicago, Ill.

Of the many summer resorts where physical and social enjoyment, mental and moral culture are alike abundantly provided for, Lake Bluff is, in my judgment, one of the most delightful. The Hotel Irving is exceptionally fine—elegant in all its appointments, admirable in its management and sumptuous in its fare.

E. B. Stevens, Chicago, Ill.

Without attempting any detailed description of Lake Bluff, allow me to say briefly, that I know of no place on the Lake shore so pleasantly situated for a summer resort. The high wooded bluffs and deep ravines are fascinating to any lover of nature and only have to be fully known to draw thither crowds every season from the heated streets and homes of Chicago. * * * Hotel Irving is pleasantly situated and its management excellent.

Mrs. Caroline A. Leech, Louisville, Ky.

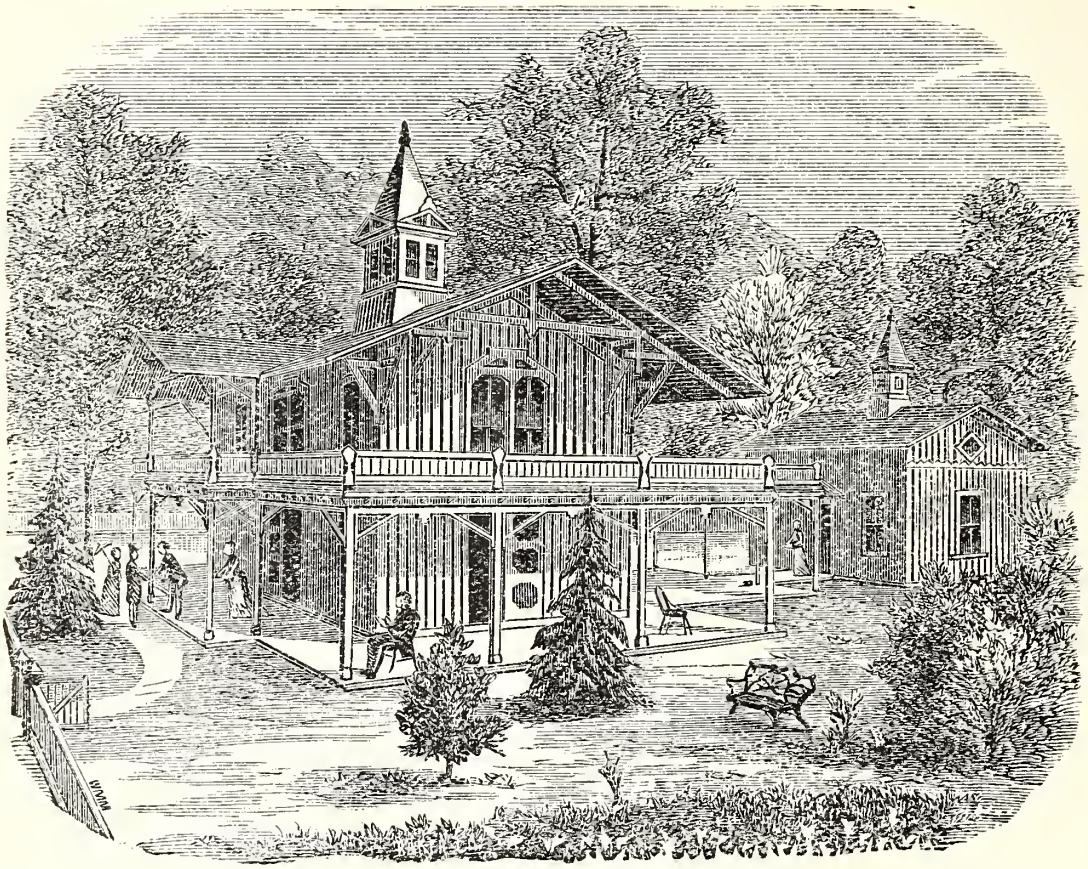
Our last summer at Lake Bluff was so pleasantly spent, I am glad to give it the endorsement of our family, who hope to return the coming season. The natural beauties of Lake Bluff are unsurpassed, while a good hotel and pleasant people give all needed attractions, The accessibility of the place, being but twelve hours from our home, is a great feature to Southern people.

J. L. Whitlock, Chicago, Ill.

I am glad of an opportunity to speak a word in behalf of Lake Bluff and its attractions. In looking about the grounds and enjoying the lake breeze from its bluffs, and the comforts of Hotel Irving, I could but wonder that so many of our Chicago people would endure the fatigue and incur the expense of a trip to the seashore or any remote point, when almost at the very door of their homes they had one of the most delightful and healthful resorts to be found in this country. We believe, however, that it is only a question of time as to when the more thoughtful and home loving people of our community will recognize this fact and avail themselves of the great advantages Lake Bluff has to offer as a summer resort.

L. F. Lindsay, St. Louis, Mo.

I have resided at Lake Bluff every season, with but one exception, since it was opened and can truthfully say, I have enjoyed them all. My family returned from the Bluff very reluctantly last summer and are already planning to return the coming season. Lake Bluff is to me a charming spot, and the wonder to me has been that there were not ten cottages where there are now only one. St. Louis sent twenty families there last summer. This summer you may look for a hundred.



HON. JUDGE COOLEY'S COTTAGE, LAKE BLUFF, ILL.

James Fanning Latham, Chicago.

I am much gratified to be able to add my words of commendation to Lake Bluff, for after two months spent last summer amid its delightful influences, it sent me back to my busy life with renewed vigor and vitality. To the professional man seeking rest and recuperation, I know of no place in the West which is so admirable as Lake Bluff. Its romantic situation upon the picturesque bluff overlooking the ever changing and always beautiful waters of Lake Michigan; its primeval forest; its pure air laden with all the elements of health and energy, and its entire freedom from fashionable dissipations of town, combine to render it a perfect summer home for all who love the woodlands with soft isles of misty green made sweet and cool with shadows. A little later on, when Lake Bluff has taken the place in public estimation it merits, the wonder will be that it could have been for so long within such easy access of Chicago and for so long unappreciated.

P. Bird Price, Chicago.

For several years past I have spent a part of each summer at Lake Bluff, and its attractions grow upon me with each succeeding visit. The rigor with which the management excludes from its grounds all miscellaneous excursions and questionable or objectionable visitors is one of its strongest recommendations. Once within the grounds the visitor has all the security and protection of the city with all the charms of a delightful country home, while the very atmosphere is that of peace and rest. I do not think the same conditions of society and environment exist at any summer resort in the West. Within a few steps are perfect quiet and seclusion, or the most refined and delightful society; while the tastes of every visitor are likely to be gratified by the literary, scientific and religious advantages on the one hand or physical recreation of various kinds on the other. The freedom from ostentation and extravagance at Lake Bluff, and the very reasonable expense at which its advantages may be enjoyed must continue to draw to it in the future, as in the past, an annually increasing number of the most desirable class of patrons.

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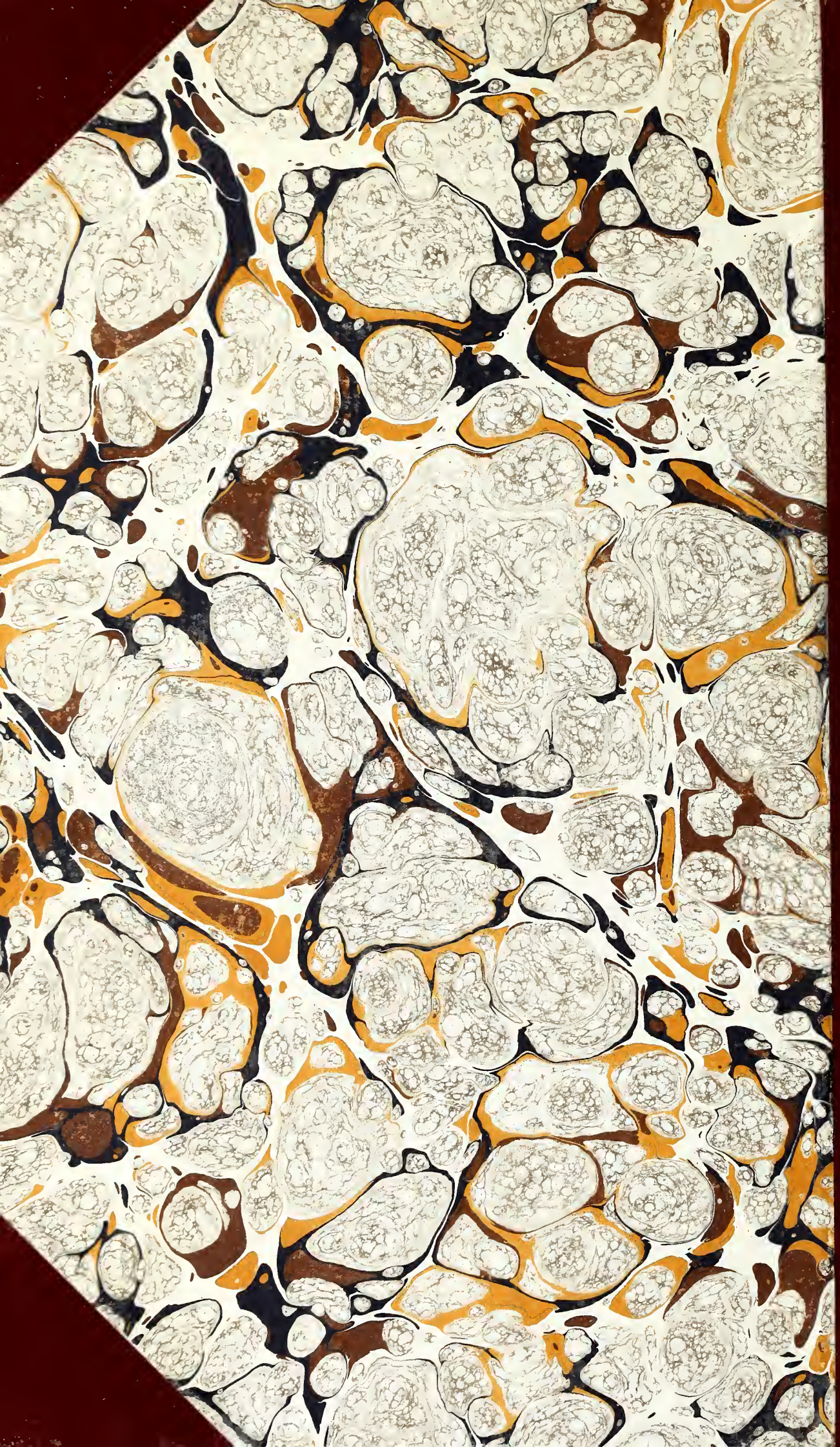
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